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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD ON
MARCH 25, 1916, AT 6:00 P. M., IN THE ROOMS
OF THE FACULTY CLUB, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

There were present President S. D. Townley and Directors Leuschner, Cushing, Cornish and Richardson. Dr. Aitken, Chairman of the Publication Committee, and Mr. F. E. Brasch, of the Library Committee, were also present.

The names of Mr. A. O. Tait, of Mountain View, California, and Colonel Thomas L. Casey, of Washington, D. C., were presented for membership and both were duly elected. The Case School of Applied Science, of Cleveland, Ohio, was also made an institutional member.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Albert L. Barrows, Secretary of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, calling attention to the fact that San Diego had been decided upon for the first meeting of the Pacific Division—time August 9 to 12, 1916,—and asking that the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, as one of the constituent members of the Division, arrange to hold a meeting in San Diego at the same time.

After some discussion as to the practicability of holding a meeting at so distant a point, a motion was made by Director Leuschner to the effect that such a meeting be held by the Astronomical Society at the time and place noted, and that the President be authorized to appoint a Program Committee to act in concert with the Executive Committee of the Pacific Division of the A. S. A. of S. The motion was seconded by Director Cushing and carried, and the President announced that he would appoint the Committee later.

Dr. Aitken, chairman of the committee appointed at the meeting of January 29, 1916, to make certain recommendations concerning the advisability of reducing the dues of the Society, stated that he had associated Director Campbell, of the Lick Observatory, with himself upon the committee and that considerable study had been given to the matter. In view of the fact, however, that further investigation was necessary before specific recommendations could be made, he asked that more time be given his committee for final report. Same was granted.

A verbal report was received from the members of the Library Committee present, respecting the plan recently suggested of depositing the books of the Society in some one of the public libraries of San Francisco, where they would be more accessible to interested readers. The proposition was not received with much favor by the Board, and the Committee was instructed to investigate further and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary reported the receipt from Paris of the Bruce Gold Medal recently awarded to Dr. George E. Hale of the Solar Observatory, and stated that same had been forwarded to Dr. Hale and his acknowledgment obtained.

Dr. Aitken, of the Publication Committee, reported that he had concluded arrangements with the Sunset Publishing House, of San Francisco, to print future issues of the Society *Publications*.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE
PACIFIC, HELD IN THE STUDENTS OBSERVATORY, BERKELEY,
CALIFORNIA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1916,
AT 8:00 P. M.

By courtesy of the authorities of the University of California, this meeting was held in the Students Observatory and the entire scientific program was furnished by Dr. A. O. Leuschner and his talented staff.

The following papers were read before a most appreciative audience:—"Comet *a* 1916" (Neujmin), by Miss Jessica M. Young; "The Riefler Clock," by Professor R. T. Crawford; "On the Universality of the Law of Gravitation," by Professor A. O. Leuschner.

At the close of the addresses President Townley expressed the thanks of the Society.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

LATER.

The following Program Committee has been appointed by President Townley to arrange for the San Diego meeting in August next, in conjunction with the Pacific Division of the American Society for the Advancement of Science:—

Dr. R. G. Aitken,
Dr. A. O. Leuschner,
Dr. F. H. Seares.